

# Models FOR THE Nation

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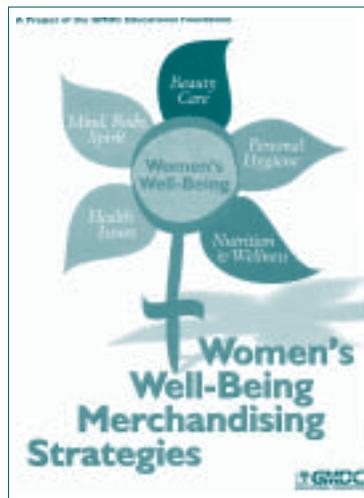
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## New CoE Partnerships Cooking in Supermarkets

A quart of milk, loaf of bread, bag of apples, bone scan, osteoporosis pamphlet...Huh? Bone scan? Osteoporosis pamphlet? Yep! This is an example of what we hope more and more supermarket lists will look like in the future.

The Office on Women's Health is beginning a new collaboration with the Educational Foundation of the General Merchandise Distributors Council (GMDC) to bring women's well-being to the forefront of the pharmacy section of the grocery store. GMDC is a trade association of supermarkets with pharmacy, general merchandise, and health and beauty care sections, as well as drug stores and other mass market retail outlets.



In September, GMDC retailers were introduced to the collaboration and encouraged to contact the National Centers of Excellence in Women's Health (CoE) to develop programs that will enable retailers to gain access to the wide range of highly credible consumer education brochures and academically sourced outreach programs as well as the OWH's National Women's Health Information Center, its publications and toll free consumer help line. The program is part of GMDC's new initiative based on its study, "Women's Well-Being Merchandising Strategies."

"One of the emerging trends in mass market retailing," says Roy White, vice president, education, for the GMDC Educational Foundation, "is the demand for accurate, pertinent consumer information. The research we conducted for our Women's Well-Being Merchandising Strategies study told us that women shoppers in supermarkets were asking for much more health information than was generally available. As part of our recommendations to our retailers, we suggested creating information centers for women shoppers. Relative to this, we are introducing the CoEs to our member retailers as a potential resource for informational literature and outreach programs."

"We see this as a win-win situation for OWH, the CoEs, and the retailers," says Susan Clark, Project Officer of the CoE program. "The CoEs can promote themselves to their community service area, increase outreach for their myriad educational materials, and draw new patients into the CoE clinical care centers. The retailers are starving for scientific, reliable information to provide their customers and see the CoEs as a source of information, screening opportunities, seminars, and referrals." In addition, retailers can contact the OWH for a new *Women's Health Prevention Guide* for distribution in their stores as well as

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promote the National Women's Health Information Center's award-winning Web site and toll free information line to consumers.



One program at the Magee-Womens Hospital CoE in Pittsburgh shows how this collaboration can work. The hospital has forged a partnership with the Giant Eagle supermarket chain to write and design a mini-magazine on women's health topics. In this instance, the chain covers the production costs, but Magee provides the scientifically grounded copy. The magazines are

distributed at the store. Each copy contains a response card, for which the average return rate has been 500 per issue. As a follow-up to this program, the CoE offered health screenings right in the store. These have included mini osteoporosis heel scans, blood pressure checks and a heart risk screening and education table. "We have had a very positive response to this program. Women love the convenience of the supermarket and feel good about the supermarket teaming with the Magee CoE," notes Dr. Sharon Hillier, Center Director at the Magee-Women's Hospital CoE.

"At our CoE, we are seeking to build alliances with retailers to help us disseminate important health information to women," says Dr. Alice Dan, Center Director of the University of Illinois at Chicago CoE. "We recognize that retailers are uniquely positioned to provide educational materials to their women customers and to create outreach programs for them. We, as well as the other CoEs across the country would be interested in discussing joint programs or use of our educational materials." ■



## Resource Center on the Web!

Wouldn't it be nice if you didn't have to reinvent the wheel every time you come up with a new community outreach program idea? How many times have you wondered what programs the CoEs are doing on a specific topic?

The CoE Outreach Coordinators Working Group has developed the CoE Virtual Resource Center to help meet the needs of



health care professionals planning women's health projects for the community. "The CoE Virtual Resource Center will allow health care professionals from all over the globe to tap into vital health programs and information created by leaders in the field," says Susan M. Clark, Director of the CoE Program. The resource center—first envisioned by JoAnn Binko, former University of Pennsylvania CoE Coordinator and Cindy Moskovic, UCLA CoE Coordinator and Chair of the Outreach Coordinators Working Group—contains a searchable database of CoE projects including programs, newsletters, and symposia, organized by health topics. The topics include arthritis, breast cancer, cardiovascular, complementary medicine, diabetes, domestic violence, eating disorders, exercise, fitness, headache, menopause, mental health, nutrition, pre- and postnatal, reproductive, safety, STDs, skin, smoking, stress, teens, urinary health and weight. The resource center is up and running at [www.4woman.gov/COE/index.htm](http://www.4woman.gov/COE/index.htm). Materials on the National Women's Health Information Center—[www.4woman.gov](http://www.4woman.gov)—are linked to each CoE program. In the future, the Web site will be expanded to include CoE consumer education materials that support these programs. ■

# Meeting the Health Care Needs of Women Everywhere

The National Centers of Excellence in Women's Health (CoEs) continue to establish themselves as leaders in serving women's health care needs. The CoEs continue to expand their services and leverage additional funds to advance women's health research and services.

As is evident by the range of activities described below, the CoEs continually raise the bar in women's health care with their effective collaborations and outreach in each of their communities. From online ventures to health workshops to women's health research grants, the CoEs are reaching a diverse group of women everywhere!



## Indiana University School of Medicine

### *Indiana University Takes Women's Health Online*

On July 3, 2001, the Indiana University National Center of Excellence in Women's Health launched [womenshealthtoday.org](http://womenshealthtoday.org), a comprehensive Web site that provides informative, educational updates about all aspects of women's health. The site features a new health topic each month and includes self-help tools, community resources, and recommended readings. A special feature of the Web site is an "Ask the CoE" link where users can submit questions to be answered by one of the CoE's physicians.

The Lilly Centre for Women's Health (LCWH) and the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library (IMCPL) serve as partners and topic sponsors. The IMCPL will make its resources on the monthly topics readily available to the public to draw women into public libraries to learn more about health.

### *CoE Reaches Out to Hispanic Women*

Carolina Pimentel, CoE Bilingual Coordinator, reaches out to the Hispanic community with breast health

education. The position is funded with a grant from the Indianapolis Breast Health Awareness League and the Susan G. Komen Foundation. As a result, the number of unduplicated visits by Hispanic patients went from 8,000 in 1999 to nearly 18,000 in 2000. Outreach is conducted via Spanish-speaking media in the city, Hispanic churches, and through a yet-to-be-funded program called "Amigas Unidas." A train-the-trainer model will be used to recruit and train leaders to conduct breast health education sessions with smaller groups in homes and churches.

## MCP Hahnemann University

### *Women's Health Education Program Receives Grant from Pfizer, Inc.*

The Women's Health Education Program has been chosen as one of seven U.S. medical schools in the country to receive a grant from the Sexual Health Team of Pfizer, Inc. The grant will fund the *Pfizer Sexual Health in Undergraduate Medical School Curricula*, a project promoting wellness through a comprehensive sexual education curriculum for medical students. The curriculum will ensure that students are skilled in interacting with their patients in order to address wellness and illness in sexual health. Ana Núñez, CoE Professional Education Director, will serve as principal investigator.

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**"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."**

**—Helen Keller**

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### ***Challenge Grant to Explore Sex and Gender Differences in Health and Disease***

A second challenge grant has been awarded by Drexel University to the Institute for Women's Health and the Institute for the Humanities for fiscal year 2002. Under the direction of Dr. Glenda Donoghue, CoE Director, the challenge grant will call for proposals that address sex- and gender-based differences in health and disease.



### **University of California, San Francisco**

#### ***Women's Health Clinical Building Dedicated***

In May, the UCSF Medical Center dedicated an eight-story building on the Mt. Zion Campus to consolidate ambulatory women's health services under the direction of CoE Director, Dr. Nancy Milliken. The move into the new building is planned for early December 2001.

Services in the building will include primary care, obstetrics, gynecology, continence center, reproductive endocrinology, mammography, ultrasonography,

fertility services including IVF, menopausal consultative practice, and pharmacy consultation and education. The UCSF Women's Health Resource Center will be located on the ground floor where it will provide educational resources on women's health for patients and the community. The first floor will also house a café adjacent to a healing garden.

#### ***UCSF Women's Health Clinical Research Center***

Dr. Haile Debas, Dean of the UCSF School of Medicine, committed 6,000 square feet of space at Mount Zion and 1.7 million dollars of funding over the next three years for the creation of the UCSF Women's Health Clinical Research Center under the direction of Dr. Deborah Grady, CoE Research Director. The center's research goals are to understand the unique ways in which women develop, experience, and live with and recover from disease. A multidisciplinary group of women's health researchers will collaborate on projects and share space and other infrastructure at the center.

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## **National Community Centers of Excellence in Women's Health (CCOE)**

**T**he OWH has selected the second generation of National Community Centers of Excellence in Women's Health. These Centers address women's health from a women-centered, women-friendly, women-relevant, holistic, multi-disciplinary, cultural, and community-based perspective.

Sixteen organizations submitted applications in response to the January 22 Federal Register Notice, eight were selected for pre-site visits, and 4 were selected for funding. The new Centers are the Hennepin County Primary Care Department in Minneapolis, MN, a multi-clinic, multi-specialty health care provider serving low-income, urban, racially, and ethnically diverse neighborhoods in Minneapolis' Near North Planning District;

NorthEast Ohio Neighborhood Health Services, Inc. in Cleveland, OH, serving African American women in the East Cleveland, Forest Hills, and Glenville neighborhoods; Northeastern Vermont Area Health Education Center in St. Johnsbury, VT, serving rural women in the Northeast Kingdom; and Women's Health Services in Santa Fe, NM, a coalition of health and human service providers serving women in Santa Fe county. An orientation meeting for the new CCOE Center Directors was convened in October.

The CCOE program appears to be a promising approach to the delivery of care to underserved women and the OWH plans to reannounce it next fiscal year. The OWH has awarded a contract to Booz-Allen & Hamilton to develop of a methodology for a national evaluation of the CCOE program. ■

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### ***Center for Lesbian Health Research***

The Center for Lesbian Health Research, UCSF CoE, Lyon-Martin Clinic, and Gay and Lesbian Medical Association, with funding and support from the Office of Women's Health, organized the first National Lesbian Health Conference in San Francisco in June during the City's Pride Week celebrations. More than 40 national, regional, and local health and civil rights organizations sponsored the major event.

### ***Mount Zion Women's Health Research Fund***

The UCSF CoE received \$250,000 from the Mt. Zion Health Fund to support selected clinical, translational, or health services research projects designed and directed by fellows or faculty at the assistant professor level that focus on issues related to women's health.

### ***Mount Zion Women's Health Research Fellowship***

The UCSF CoE received \$509,000 from the Mount Zion Health Fund for the development of a Women's Health Research Fellowship under the direction of Dr. Deborah Grady, CoE Research Director. The fellowship will fund a training program that meets the long-term goal of increasing both the amount and quality of multidisciplinary research conducted on women's health and the number of women with successful research careers.

### ***8<sup>th</sup> Annual UCSF Women's Health 2020 Conference***

The CoE and the UCSF Obstetrics and Gynecology Research and Education Foundation sponsored this year's conference entitled "Perfect Vision for a Healthy Future." The event featured 30 sessions that examined topics such as mental health, heart disease, financial planning for fiscal fitness, feeling at home in your body, and sexuality.

### ***University of Puerto Rico***

#### ***University of Puerto Rico Launches MujerEs***

*MujerEs* is an outreach educational program, currently in its second year, launched by the CoE in conjunction

with a pharmaceutical company. Outreach activities include monthly radio and television programs, publications, an annual continuing medical education symposium for physicians and a symposium for women.

The educational program includes a Conference Hall on Wheels to offer conferences by health professionals of the Medical Sciences Campus, densitometry tests free of charge, and clinics in collaboration with the Puerto Rico Medical Association. This conference hall was inaugurated last year and tours the island offering education on women's health to the public. Topics offered include menopause, osteoporosis, general aspects of women's health, hormone replacement therapy, adolescent health, and contraceptives, among others. The program has reached approximately 90,000 women since its inauguration.

### ***Domestic Violence Workshops***

A train-the-trainer workshop on domestic violence was held for health professionals to help them identify victims of domestic violence on a routine basis. The CoE intends to create awareness of the need to identify victims of domestic violence when they seek medical help for non-related reasons. The activity represents a major collaborative effort directed by the CoE that included the president of the University of Puerto Rico, the Puerto Rico Department of Health Rape Crisis Center, the Commission on Women's Affairs Office of



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**“Life shrinks or expands  
in proportion to one’s  
courage.”**

**—Anais Nin**

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the Governor, Universidad Central del Caribe, the UPR School of Medicine Hispanic Center of Excellence, and the Medical Sciences Campus Deanship of Academic Affairs Center for AIDS Education for Health Professionals. The workshop was offered by the Physicians for Social Responsibility Domestic Violence Working Group.

### ***CoE to Study Cardiovascular Disease in Hispanic Women***

The CoE received a grant from the American Heart Association to do a pilot study on risk factors for cardiovascular disease in Hispanic women living in Puerto Rico. The study recruits women from the Puerto Rico Teacher's Association. Dr. Delia Camacho, CoE Director, serves as investigator.



### ***University of Washington***

#### ***UW CoE Forms Partnerships with HUD Neighborhood Networks Centers***

The University of Washington CoE has formed partnerships with the Kawabe Memorial House and the Martin Luther King Jr. Technology Center. The CoE provided patient education materials to both centers, and offered Web training to the residents of the MLK Technology Center.

#### ***UW CoE Co-sponsored Health Fair***

The CoE co-sponsored the University of Washington's first biennial *Minority Health and Health Disparities Fair* in May 2001. The fair brought together students, parents, teachers and administrators, civic, health, religious, law enforcement, and academic members of the Seattle community. Dr. Benjamin Carson, from Johns Hopkins University, served as the keynote speaker.

#### ***What Women Need to Know... Health Workshops***

Women's health workshops about irritable bowel syndrome, migraines, sleep, fibromyalgia, and depression were held for women from rural and underserved communities throughout the state of Washington. Women's health researchers from the School of Nursing

lead four workshops in Tacoma, Spokane, Kennewick, and Covington attracting 40-60 women in each community. The workshops, supported by the CoE, the Center for Women's Health Research, and Glaxo Smith Kline are offered at no cost to attendees and information is targeted for a lay audience.

Additional workshops are being planned for the coming year.

### ***Somali Breast Care Project***

As part of a new program conceived and directed by Dr. Susan Reed, CoE Clinical Services Director, thirty-five Somali women participated in a baseline questionnaire about their knowledge and attitudes toward breast screening practices and therapy for breast cancer. The women attended one of three education sessions including a video, open forum discussion with physicians, nurse practitioners, and mammography technicians, and a tour of the mammography facility. A post intervention survey was given to assess changes from baseline; data analysis is ongoing. None of the women spoke English and all the surveys and education sessions were administered with staff from the Community House Calls Program, trained as medical interpreters and clinical cultural mediators. ■

“Each of us brings to the world unique talents, gifts and abilities. Even if you don't know what it is, or value what you do, someone, somewhere, will benefit from your presence. No one can do what you do exactly the way you do it. It is this uniqueness that makes you valuable to the world. We are each as unique and valuable as the other. It was designed that way...”

—Excerpt from Iyanla Vanzant's booklet *Acts of Faith*

# Update on the DES Professional Education Materials

**W**ake Forest University, the University of California at Los Angeles, the University of Illinois at Chicago, MCP Hahnemann University, and the University of Wisconsin have been busy completing professional education materials with up-to-date information on the health effects and screening and treatment guidelines on the hormone Diethylstilbestrol (DES). DES was prescribed for pregnant women from the late 1930's to 1971 for prevention of miscarriages and premature labor. Although DES has not been prescribed for more than three decades, its effects are still being experienced by the women who took it, their daughters and sons, and possibly their grandchildren.

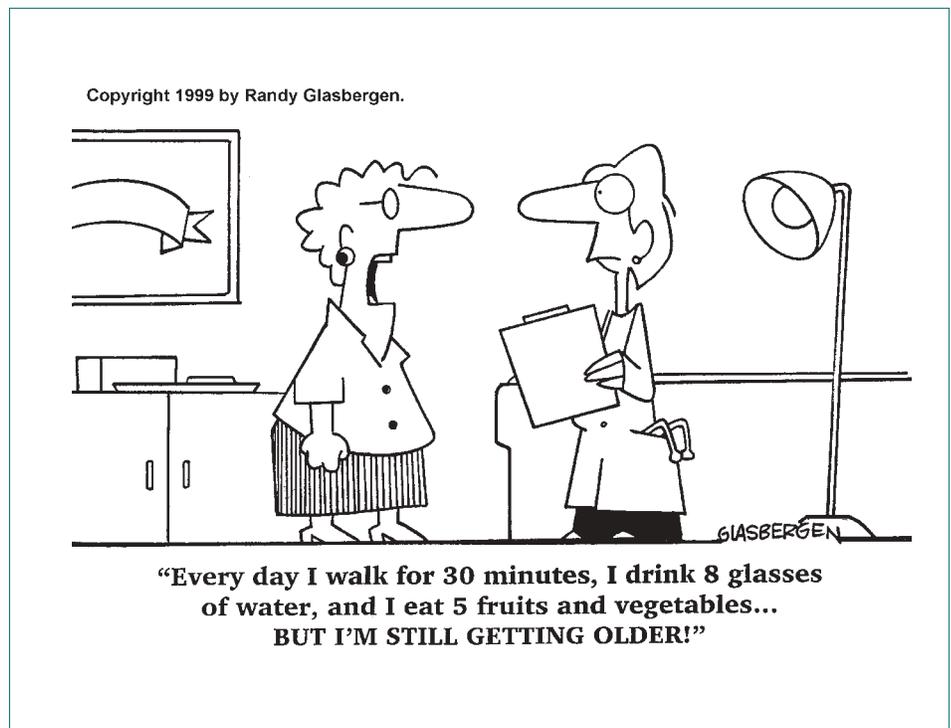
The materials are being developed through a unique collaboration with the CoEs and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Environmental Health. The materials will be disseminated as part of the CDC's DES National Education Campaign (DES NEC) scheduled to be launched in Spring 2002. Materials include free-standing, multiple unit programs for use as CMEs, CEUs, provider workshops, and self-study; grand rounds; case-based curricula; journal articles; and a Web site containing these materials plus other DES resources. Professionals targeted by the campaign include OB-GYNs, Internists, Family Practitioners, Physician's Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Midwives, and Registered Nurses.

## *How the Materials Were Developed*

The CoEs met with the DES National Steering Committee to hear their concerns and were briefed on the DES NEC Strategic Communications Plan for both professionals and consumers. The CoEs collaboratively developed

learning objectives based on the scientific evidence published. The materials were then drafted by each of the CoEs and reviewed by a DES panel of experts. Revisions were made and the materials were then pretested on members of the target audience, many at the CoE universities and in their catchment areas. The final version of all materials will be available next spring on the DES NEC Web site, which is under construction. When completed, it will be part of the CDC Web site at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov). The DES Web site is being developed and pretested for navigability by the UCLA CoE and will also include frequently asked questions for consumers, the National Cancer Institute guidelines, a bibliography of research studies, and a list of consumer support organizations.

National dissemination plans are being developed. When the materials are available next Spring, we encourage all CoEs and academic medical centers to use these evidence-based materials in their curricula and continuing education programs to help provide up-to-date information on DES to their faculty, students, and area practitioners. ■



# Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) Women's Health Time Capsule Initiative

The Office on Women's Health (OWH) is the lead agency for the DHHS Women's Health Time Capsule initiative. The purpose of this initiative is to capture and highlight, for future generations, the most significant contributions/advances related to improvements in women's health during the past century.



The time capsule will be dedicated on December 3, 2001, during the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the OWH. The ground-breaking will be in May on the campus of the National Institutes of Health at the Lawton Chiles International House and the capsule will

be opened in 2100. Numerous items that have had a tremendous impact on women's health during the past century will be included in the time capsule. A Planning Committee, composed of representatives from other DHHS agencies such as the National Institutes of Health Office of Research on Women's Health, the Health Resources and Services Administration Office of Women's Health, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Office on Women's Health, and the Food and Drug Administration Office of Women's Health are meeting monthly to complete work on this initiative. ■

## CoE/FDA Research Partnership Initiative Continues

The Office on Women's Health within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Office of Women's Health are continuing their research partnership to advance gender specific research. New funding this year is focusing on the pharmacokinetics (PK) and the pharmacodynamics (PD) of antihypertensive medications used during pregnancy.

"These types of studies address a critical area of medicine where the most certainty about safety and optimum benefit is desired but where there is the least amount of data. Understanding the clinical pharmacology of pregnancy should be an integral part of evidence based medicine," said Sandra L. Kweder, M.D, Acting Director, Office of Review Management, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research/FDA, and Chair of the FDA Pregnancy Labeling Task Force.

On September 30, 2001, two National Centers of Excellence in Women's Health (CoEs) were awarded contracts to investigate over the next two years the PK and PD of atenolol and labetalol in pregnant women. They are:

- University of Illinois at Chicago, "Labetalol and Hypertension in Pregnancy: Pharmacokinetics and

Pharmacodynamics," Jennifer Hardman, PharmD; Sarah Kilpatrick, MD, PhD; Stacie Geller, PhD; James Fischer, PharmD; Helen Kastrissios, PhD; Keith Rodvold, PharmD (\$209,246); and

- University of Washington, Seattle, "Pharmacokinetics and Hemodynamics of Atenolol in Pregnant Women," Mary F. Hebert, PharmD; Tom Easterling, MD; Gail Anderson, PhD (\$150,486).



"We hope to demonstrate that PK/PD studies which provide important dosing information can be ethically and economically conducted in pregnant women," said Susan F. Wood, Ph.D., Director of the FDA/OWH.

"We are very pleased to be continuing this partnership with the FDA/OWH, especially since hypertension is a very common complication of pregnancy," added Wanda K. Jones, Dr.PH, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health (Women's Health) and the Director of the DHHS/OWH.

Last year the partnership funded six studies related to dietary supplements (see *Models for the Nation*, December 2000). These studies are currently in progress and results will become available in the spring of 2002. ■



The National Centers of Excellence in Women's Health (CoEs) remain in the forefront of women's health and their efforts are being recognized throughout the country. From awards to new funding to leadership appointments, the CoEs continue to receive praise for their diligent and excellent work.

The Office on Women's Health also received recognition for the National Centers of Excellence in Women's Health Program by being selected as a semi-finalist for the 2001 Innovations in American Government Award. These awards are intended to draw attention to exemplary achievements in government problem-solving and to amplify the voices of public innovators in communicating their practices. The awards are evaluated by the following criteria: originality of the approach, effectiveness in addressing important problems, value of services to clients, and the potential for replication in other jurisdictions.

This recognition speaks to the tremendous work the CoEs carry out every day. Additional awards to celebrate include:

#### University of California at Los Angeles

Iris Cantor received the UCLA Medal, the University's highest honor, at the Hippocratic Oath Ceremony on June 1, 2001. The UCLA Medal is awarded to those who have made truly extraordinary and distinguished contributions to society, their professions, higher education, and to UCLA. Established in 1979, past recipients include heads of states, distinguished scholars, legendary artists, and business leaders.

Iris Cantor has provided vision, dedication, and leadership to advance women's health in the United States. At UCLA, she established the Iris Cantor Center for Breast Imaging at the UCLA Medical Center, which provides breast diagnostic and screening imaging; the Iris Cantor-UCLA Women's Health Center, which delivers comprehensive women's health care; and the Iris Cantor-UCLA Women's Health Education & Resource Center, which conducts education on all health areas that impact women.

#### University of California, San Francisco

*Scholar to Examine Intergenerational Women's Issues*

Tracy Weitz, a project director for the Center for Reproductive Health Research and Policy at UCSF and senior advisor

for the CoE, was selected as fellow on intergenerational women's issues by the UCSF and the Institute for Health and Aging (IHA).

#### *Chancellor's Award for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Leadership*

Patricia Robertson, MD, founding member of the CoE, and professor of obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive sciences, received the Chancellor's Award for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Leadership in the faculty category. Robertson, who is co-director of the UCSF Center for Lesbian Health Research, has educated and influenced diverse audiences, conducted much of the early research on lesbian STD transmission, and authored the "Lesbian Health Care" chapter in the widely used *Manual of Outpatient Gynecology*. Last year, Mayor Willie Brown presented her a Lifetime Achievement Award at the nation's first Lesbian Health Summit in San Francisco. At UCSF, Robertson has taught generations of UCSF students about the importance of being sensitive to the unique health issues of gay, lesbian, and bisexual patients.

#### University of Puerto Rico

The Puerto Rico CoE received a Certificate of Recognition from the National Cancer Institute for its collaboration and initiatives in the promotion of the importance of early detection and prevention of breast cancer as part of the Cancer Awareness Month activities. The CoE also received a Certificate of Appreciation for its participation in the organization, development, and celebration of American Airline's Second Annual Health Fair.

Dr. Camacho also received a Recognition Award by Casa Protegida Julia de Burgos, a women's shelter, for her outstanding participation as a member of the organization's administrative board.

#### Tulane and Xavier Universities of Louisiana

Conchetta White Fulton, CoE Clinical Core Facilitator, was appointed by Governor Mike Foster to serve on the Governor's Medicaid Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee. The committee is charged with the development of a Louisiana Medicaid formulary with the goal of reducing the dramatic rate of growth in Medicaid expenditures while maintaining quality care.

Alethia Gauthier, CoE Care Coordinator, was selected to attend the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and

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Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) Invitational Conference on Cardiovascular Health in Women. The Cardiovascular Health for Women Initiative is a two-year, multi-faceted education program designed to educate nurses and women about cardiovascular disease within the context of a health promotion and disease prevention framework. A secondary goal is to identify implications for public policy issues and develop a plan to guide nursing professionals in their advocacy roles to impact education, clinical practice, health policy and research in women's health care. The conference will take place December 7-9, 2001, in Scottsdale, Arizona. Ms. Gauthier was 1 of only 25 nurses selected to attend.

Judy Overall, CoE faculty affiliate, Chair of Health Systems Management at the Tulane University School of Public Health, was appointed by the Louisiana Governor to the Louisiana Executive Board on Aging. The Board advises the governor's office on the planning, monitoring, coordination and delivery of services to the elderly. She was also appointed as the working advisor to the task force to study issues of the elderly in the State of Yucatan, Mexico.

Dr. Overall and Dr. Jeanette Magnus, CoE Director, together serve as Co-Directors of Tulane's International Center of Health and Social Systems for Elder Care (ICHSSSE). The CoE and ICHSSSE combine efforts and concentrations to improve systems related specifically to women's health.

Dr. Rebecca Meriwether, CoE faculty affiliate and former practitioner in the CoE's Women's Clinic, was named a Robert Wood Johnson Generalist Physician Faculty Scholar. The program provides 40 percent salary support and research funding for four years. Her research focuses on physician counseling for physical activity.

Dr. Marian Walters, CoE Leadership Core Director, was an invited speaker on "PBLs within endocrine" lectures and presented a poster titled "Isoproterenol inhibits estrogen-induced gene transcription in A7r5 vascular smooth muscle cells" at the Experimental Biology meeting in Orlando, in March 2001.

Susan Willard, MSW, CoE faculty affiliate, was inducted as a fellow in the Academy for Eating Disorders in May 2001.

Sanda Clejan, PhD, CoE faculty affiliate, received a Fulbright Senior Scholar for 2002 for a project titled "Integration of Laboratory Medicine in the Basic-Clinical Medical Curriculum." Dr. Clejan was also selected to the editorial board of the *Journal of Cell Molecular Medicine*, and as Chair of the Maternal Screening Committee mandated by National Committee on Clinical Laboratory Standards. ■

## CoE Pamphlet Series Available Online

The series highlights and disseminates the novel strategies, accomplishments, and lessons learned from the CoEs for implementation by other academic health centers. Each pamphlet focuses on a specific women's health issue or component of the CoE program. If you wish to receive printed copies of any of these items, please call the National Women's Health Information Center at 1-800-994-9662. The series is also available online at [www.4woman.gov/COE](http://www.4woman.gov/COE). Visit the Web site often, as new topics are added regularly. Topics currently available are:

- *Adolescent Initiatives*
- *Advancing Women's Health*
- *Community Outreach Component*
- *Complementary and Alternative Medicine*
- *Chronic Illness and Disability* (New)
- *Disease Prevention and Health Promotion* (New)
- *Domestic Violence Initiatives*
- *Eating Disorders*
- *Faith Based Initiatives* (New)
- *Impact of the National Centers of Excellence in Women's Health*
- *Incarcerated Women and the Criminal Justice System*
- *Infertility and Innovations in Reproductive Technologies* (New)
- *Innovation at the National Centers of Excellence in Women's Health*
- *International Health Activities and Programs*
- *Lesbian Health*
- *Mental Health*
- *Minority Health Initiatives*
- *Nutrition, Weight, and Physical Activity Programs* (New)
- *Older Women's Health in the National Centers of Excellence in Women's Health*
- *Programming for High School and Undergraduate Students Interested in Health Professions*
- *Programs, Activities, and Materials for Linguistically Diverse Populations*
- *Report Card*
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- *Women Faculty Leadership Initiatives*



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<http://www.magee.edu/cewh2.htm>

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Institute for Women's Health  
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MCP Hospital  
3300 Henry Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19129  
(215) 842-7041  
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<http://www.auhs.edu/institutes/iwh/coe.html>

**University of Michigan Health System**  
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Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0276  
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(734) 763-5992 (fax)  
<http://www.med.umich.edu/whrc/ctr.excel.html>

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<http://www.obgyn.upenn.edu/cewh/>

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<http://www.rcm.upr.edu/2k1whc/>

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<http://www.tuxcoe.tulane.edu>

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<http://www.womenshealth.wisc.edu/>

## ***Additional Women's Health Information and Resources:***

**National Women's Health Information Center**  
Office on Women's Health  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Washington, D.C.  
800-994-WOMAN  
888-220-5446 (TDD)  
<http://www.4woman.gov/>

**CoE Home Page:**  
<http://www.4woman.gov/coe>

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